

REMARKS

Claims 38-46 and 50-52 are pending in the application. Claims 12-19, 21-28, 47-49 and 53-55 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

It is noted with appreciation that the Office Action has allowed claims 38-46 and 50-52.

The Office Action rejects claims 12-19, 21-28, 47-49 and 53-55 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,609,085 to Uemura et al.

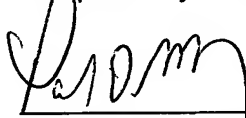
This rejection is moot since claims 12-19, 21-28, 47-49 and 53-55 have been canceled.

Noting that all of the pending claims 38-46 and 50-52 are allowed, it is respectfully requested that this application be passed to issue.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and passed to issue. If this amendment is deemed to not place the application in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that it be entered for the purpose of appeal.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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